

Proposed Bill No. 5203

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LCO No. 699

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: REP. O'NEILL, 69th Dist.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE LANDS OF THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to authorize the grant of an
- 2 agricultural conservation easement on lands that comprise the
- 3 Southbury Training School, provided such easement is in favor of a
- 4 nonprofit organization, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
- 5 Revenue Code of the United States, as amended from time to time, and
- 6 such organization's mission includes the permanent protection of
- 7 agricultural lands for use as agricultural lands.

Statement of Purpose:

To permanently preserve valuable farmland and allow the state to retain ownership of the underlying property.